

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application under  
37 CFR 1.53(b) :

Prior Application:           APPLICANTS: H. INOUE et al  
                                  Serial No. 10/083,360  
                                  Filed: February 27, 2002

Group Art:           3746  
For:           GAS TURBINE COMBUSTOR AND OPERTING METHOD THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows.